

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend Claims 1-15 as follows and add Claims 16-20:

1. (Currently amended) A device for preventing axial movement of an elongated member (1), such as a cannula needle, applied through the skin of a mammal at a puncturing position, said device comprising
a plaster (2) designed to cover the surface around the puncturing position and having at least an adhesive layer (4) for securing it to the skin as well as an opening (9) through the layer[(-s)] thereof for the passage of said elongated member therethrough,

the device further comprising

means (8) secured to the plaster and adapted to clamp around said elongated member (1) when the elongated member is applied through the skin of a mammal and the plaster is applied on the surface around said puncturing position, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein

said clamping means (8) is thin and substantially flat and provided with a lateral opening (10) for laterally introducing a said elongated member between clamping positions (11, 12) thereof, and ~~that~~ said clamping means includes parts of substantially rigid material provided with clamping portions (11, 12) adapted to bear against a said elongated member.

2. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ said clamping means (8) is made of [(a)] material[(-s)] being substantially more rigid than the material[(-s)] forming the plaster (2).

3. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1 ~~or 2, characterized in that~~ wherein surfaces through which the clamping portions (11, 12) are adapted to bear against a said elongated member are made of a substantially rigid material.

4. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims, wherein~~ ~~characterized in that~~ said clamping means (8) has clamping portions (11, 12) with sharp gripping edges adapted to bear against a said elongated member clamped thereby.

5. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims, wherein~~ ~~characterized in that~~ said clamping means (8) is made of metal.

6. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims, wherein~~ ~~characterized in that~~ said plaster (2) is provided with a pocket (7) formed between two adjacent layers (5, 6) thereof and housing said clamping means (8).

7. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 6, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ said plaster (2) comprises at least two additional layers (5, 6) besides said adhesive layer (4), and ~~that~~ said pocket (7) is formed between two such additional layers.

8. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 7, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the plaster (2) comprises a carrier layer (5) arranged on top of the adhesive layer (4) and an uppermost coating layer (6), and ~~that~~ said pocket (7) is formed between said carrier layer and coating layer.

9. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims, wherein~~ ~~characterized in that~~ said clamping means (8) is transferrable between an inactive state allowing a said elongated member to be introduced between clamping portions (11, 12) thereof and an active state in which said clamping portions bears under tension against a said elongated member.

10. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 9, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ at least said clamping portions (11, 12) of said clamping means are made of a material having a high coefficient of thermal expansion in the region around a the body temperature of a mammal for which the device is intended to be used such as to be influenced by the temperature when applied together with the plaster (2) on a skin of a said mammal for being transferred from said inactive to said active state through the temperature rise caused through heat transfer from the body of said mammal.

11. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 10, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ at least said clamping portions (11, 12) of said clamping means are made of a memory metal.

12. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 9, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ said clamping means comprises at least one spring member (13, 18, 24, 25) connected to said clamping portions (11, 12) for urging them towards each other.

13. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 12, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ it comprises a blocking member (14) adapted to hold the clamping portions (11,12) apart in said inactive state for allowing introduction of a said elongated member therebetween and when released allowing said spring member (13, 18, 24, 25) to transfer the clamping means to the active state.

14. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims, wherein characterized in that~~ said plaster opening (9) is formed by a lateral slot into the plaster (2) for enabling introduction of a said elongated member into said opening after the elongated member has been applied through the skin of a mammal.

15. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims, wherein characterized in that~~ it comprises an elongated flexible, preferably adjustable, such as by being elastic, band-like member (3) secured to the plaster (2) and adapted to be applied around a body part of a mammal on which a said puncturing position has been applied for assisting the adhesive layer of the plaster in holding the plaster secured around the puncturing position.

16. (New) A device according to claim 2, wherein surfaces through which the clamping portions (11, 12) are adapted to bear against said elongated member are made of a substantially rigid material.

17. (New) A device according to claim 16, wherein said clamping means (8) has clamping portions (11, 12) with sharp gripping edges adapted to bear against said elongated member clamped thereby.

18. (New) A device according to claim 2, wherein said clamping means (8) has clamping portions (11, 12) with sharp gripping edges adapted to bear against said elongated member clamped thereby.

19. (New) A device according to claim 3, wherein said clamping means (8) has clamping portions (11, 12) with sharp gripping edges adapted to bear against said elongated member clamped thereby.

20. (New) A device according to claim 1, wherein said clamping means (8) is made of metal.